

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending at the time of the Office action. As a result of this amendment, claims 1, 4, 10, and 11 have been amended. Claim 20 has been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's determination that claims 8, 10-12, 14, 16, 17, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections -- 35 USC §102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7, 9, 13, 15, 18, and 19 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by CA '236.

Claim 1 has now been amended to include the limitations of claim 20, effectively rewriting claim 20 in independent form. Claims 10 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has previously stated that the subject matter of claims 20, 10, and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The remaining claims are dependent upon one of the independent claims and are therefore believed to be in an allowable condition.

Prompt consideration of this application and allowance of the claims are requested. If the Examiner should have any question regarding this application or the amendment, a call to Applicant's attorney would be appreciated.

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